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MEMBERS' HAIKU FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 1984. Vote for 10. Circle your top three choices. For the September/October Geppo submit a total of THREE HAIKU using early autumn kigo. Some suggestions are: harvest, harvest moon, pumpkin, squash, chrysanthemum, dead leaves, falling leaves, scarecrow, gleaning the fields, beginning of school, the first autumn rain, autumn lake, full moon, autumn wind.

581. shining goldenrod
brightening this dull gray day -
first junco whispers

582. intent on anting
blue jays under the white pine-
ceaseless energy

583. this frightening storm
rages all afternoon - now
evening's calm soothes

584. Across the river
strains of music from band shell ...
ending summer night

Sensei 585. Enroute home amidst
chaos of freeway traffic
no vacation this!

Sensei 586. In the evening cool
under stars with Johann Strauss...
insects too spellbound

587. This cold casaba!
Sweet as nectar Greek gods swilled...
In my humble home

Sensei 588. Evening cool, rippling
Soothingly across my bed ...
Cricket song outside

589. Good morning Monday.
No school bells this year ... can make
My own schedule now.

590. Working through the night
the sound of the computer
the sound of crickets

✓ 591. Vacation pictures --
his left nostril, half a thumb-
a new camera

592. Giant fireworks
over the Coliseum
Olympic salute.

Sensei 593. Driving to the beach
Suddenly, the air turns cool
and smells of salt!

594. Hot and humid day --
Cumulonimbus building
above the mountains

595. Marina channel
reflecting silver moon-path...
Sailboat's finish-line

596. Late summer morning--
A dark butterfly flutters
over goldenrod

Sensei 597. The small boy fishing
wades deeper into the creek,
into September dusk

598. September morning;
The hillside covered with birds
among fallen leaves

599. Untiring crickets
serenade beneath the bed --
I run out of sheep

600. a sticky morning
in the sink a brown spider
struggles against slick

601. too old for the fields,
grandpa under the shade tree
peeling potatoes

602. a slim wedding dress
in the New-to-You window -
the end of summer

603. Harvest moon rising -
A scarecrow casts its shadow
over empty fields

604. Nights growing longer -
Crickets chirp now and again
within the woodpile

605. Memories linger
as summer vacations ends -
The classroom window

606. unseen rasping sounds
secluded crickets' appeals
your phone is busy

607. ripe watermelons
light thumps tell they are ready
our baby is due

608. sunset on the pool
darkens much too rapidly
vacation love cools

609. Letter from Tokyo:
at Pure Light Monastery
persimmons are ripe

610. Alone this evening --
the sound of insects mingling
with my tinnitus

611. Street girl again
brown-bagging it on the curb --
die-hard marigolds

612. Now, the summers' end
as the old film releases . . .
bird's nests to the wind

613. Mare's tails in the sky
and the harvest in the barn -
all cry, "let it rain."

614. Eerie evening calm -
cracks in the lake bed appear
as a turtle's back

615. heavenly fireworks!
during the grand finale -
thunder and lightning

616. fireworks in the park
through each fading sunburst
a glimpse of the stars

617. the whole neighborhood
cheering the Little League team -
in the evening cool

618. Too full to eat more
taking a stroll till first dark -
waiting for fireworks

619. A big cloth helps catch
these crickets to throw them out
cute but hear that noise

620. O what bright colors --
huge bursts spread in falling sparks
the fireworks display

621. Bright the harvest moon
Fields and fields stretch black and white
Like checkerboard squares

622. In hushed evening cool
Pot of hanging fuchsia swing
Metronome shadows

623. On yellow trash bin
Highlighted by a street lamp
Huge cricket shadow

624. That gaudy cosmos ...
against autumn thunderclouds
Not that time, so soon?

625. Thunder, welcome rain,
and 10 degrees of heat lost.
(No reward offered)

626. I take out pictures.
Fireworks leap from our sidewalk ...
loud noises crackling.

627. It twinges the heart
to hear your late summer call
little whippoorwill

628. Milkweed pod explodes
and winged white fluff awaits
a lift from the wind

629. Earthglow in autumn:
oak leaves giving everything
back to the earth.

2-0
✓ 630. a bachelor's life
understood when I opened
refrigerator

631. he looks serious
when he wipes forehead sweat off
at the entrance door

632. she put out of sight
both her age and appearance
paper parasol

633. Above the calm lake
fireworks mount to dim the stars --
mirrored reflections

634. This quiet hilltop
summer's respite; evening cool --
a hawk over head

635. Fitful, dusty wind
first tumble-weeds breaking free
The end of summer

Sensei
636. walking through the gate
summer flowers in our arms
ancestors sleeping

637. sharp flash of lightning
far off above the green hills
thunder storm warning

638. our trees are full green
billowing clouds fill the sky
quiet evening

639. meteors falling
all through the warm August night
Perseus remains

Sensei
640. in sand burrow
beside the bare duneland path
an antlion waits

641. stiff white cress blossoms
sway in the summer sunshine
host white butterflies

642. sweat beads on top lip
underneath lower lip too
summer heat, silence

643. Disturbing my sleep
night after night ... the cricket
rub your legs elsewhere

644. Small tailless lizard
motionless on hot sidewalk...
I sidestep on grass

645. Thunder storms follow
nightly wind-driven dust storms --
the monsoon season

646. fireworks in the sky
delicate stars, bright flowers
floating with the clouds

647. a breeze from the south
Sensei lifting white ruffled curtains
wide open windows

✓ 648. in a shallow pool
A 11-5 lifting water with their wings
five little sparrows

Sensei
649. a bottomless sky
from which dragonfly shadows
fall upon the grass

650. Tonight a cricket
with song beneath my window
its own eulogy

Sensei
651. Golden autumn hills
their nakedness of shadows
just before sunset

A 11-3
✓ 652. the lingering heat
impressions of two bodies
in a patch of sand

653. Riding the high winds
V of geese beating southward
autumn afternoon

654. Rainbow in the sky
foghorn across green meadow
butterflies enroute

Sensei
655. Silent grasshopper
waits beside the open door
a heavy footstep

✓ 656. a baby stroller
A 11-3 unattended on the path
to the autumn sea

MEMBERS' VOTES FOR JULY/AUGUST HAIKU: Name-Haiku Number-Votes-Circled Votes.
 Members' names are listed in numerical order of haiku printed. Only haiku receiving votes are mentioned. "****"; "****"; and "***" indicate top votes.

K Tokutomi 511*-4-1;514***-10-5	D Wright 512**-9-3
J Roberts 513-3-0	J Ball 515*-4-2
P Machmiller 515-2-0	H Noyes 517-2-0;518-2-0
O Houston 520*-4-1;521-1-0;522*6-1	J Spain 523-1-0;524-2-1;525-2-1
P Truesdell 526-1-0;527*-4-3;528-1-0	I Wolfe 529-2-0;530-1-0;531-2-1;532*-4-1
B McCoy 534**-8-4;535-2-0	D Lewis 536*-6-2
D Priebe 538*-6-4;539***-11-4;540*5-2	S Youngdahl 542-1-0;543-2-0
W Fitzpatrick 544-2-0;545-2-1;546-1-0	C Nabors 547-1-0;548*-4-1
H Noyes 550*-4-0;551-1-0;552***10-3	D Greenlee 553*-4-1;554-2-0;555-2-0
E Dunlop 556**-8-3;557**-9-4;558-1-0	T Yamagata 562-1-0;562-2-1
M Sinclair 565*-4-1;566*-6-1;567-1-1	V Golden 568-2-0;569-1-0
R Haas 571*-5-0;572*-5-0;573*-6-0	H Dalton 574*-4-0;575-3-0;576-1-0
J Ball 577-2-1;578*-7-1	J Roberts 579*-4-1;580-1-1

Yamagata Sensei's Votes:

511, 514, (515), 518, (536), (552), 556, 571, 577, 578

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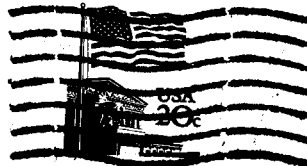
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